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President's Message December, 2007:

I hope the Holidays find you all well and enjoying the hobby!!

I still keeping in touch with what's going on with my fellow numismatists, I have been going to some club meetings for different activities from "Hot Dog Night to "Steak Night", "Auctions to Bingo" and "Picnics to BBQs", you just never know what Coin Clubs have in store for their members. With some great programs like learning about paper money or just learning from all your Show-N-Tells.

I have also been attending some Coin Club Shows, in October there was the Delta Coin Club show at Eagle's Hall, Stockton; Diablo Numismatic Society show at Holiday Inn, Concord; in November there was the Peninsula Coin Club show at Napredak Hall, San Jose and in December there was the Chico Coin Club show at Masonic's Hall, Chico.

Along with shows there was a special event in October, the CSNA Educational Symposium, held at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum hosted by the Vallejo Numismatic Society with four great speakers and found me moderating. And in December there was the Joint Christmas Party, hosted by the Fairfield Coin Club and the Vallejo Numismatic Society at Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Fairfield where I presented two NCNA President's Medal, 1) Jon M. Marish of Fairfield Coin Club and 2) Willie Quarante of Redwood Empire Coin Club, Santa Rosa.

Then the holidays really began and next to enjoying the hobby, numismatists love to eat . . . Thanksgiving and Christmas pot lucks, buffets, dinners . . . you just can't beat the good times, with all that good food and the friendship of my fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby.

We are working on the 2008 NCNA show with a tentative date in August but we have not as yet secured a contract with the Elk's Lodge in Vallejo. We had a date with the Elk's Lodge in Fremont but it turned out to be on Easter Sunday so we thought this would not be a good date.

Well I'm looking forward to 2008 - Leap Year so we get an extra day to enjoy the hobby. And hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other upcoming club shows or functions.

As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Harry W. Davis
Harry W. Davis,
President

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

As 2007 has now ended and 2008 commences, thoughts ring through the gray matter of my mind for with the end of 2007 that year measured my thirty-fifth (35th) year in and with organized numismatics, not much an anniversary and certainly not much that might cause one to pause and to ponder.

But in these thirty-five years, I have witness some profound changes in our hobby, 'this hobby of kings and king of hobbies', like myself who went from joining one local coin club into joining over seventy-five numismatic organizations, from the local coin clubs in several states to the national and international associations. So for me, it has been consistency with the enhancement and enjoyment in 'our world of money'. But in these thirty-five years, I have witness those profound changes, which until these are articulated in writing any coin hobbyist might not be aware or even comprehend what years and times has wrought.

First, in my thirty-five years, the United States Mint has become the world's largest and most present coin dealer. From just doing Proof Sets and Mint Sets and fighting commemorative coinages, just look at what your latest United States Mint Catalog or advertising now in the national media has brought. The United States Mint now does its own catalog. Thirty-five years ago, it did simple order forms generated by an office draftsman using a LeRoy Lettering Device!

Second, exercising its sovereign power, under Article I, Section 8, Clause 5 of the Constitution, the United States Congress has now become----*for whatever financial inducements and political realities coupled with the power of special interests and lobbying*----the strongest force and factor in our nation's coinage and into the pocket books, wallets, purses, and swiping of credit cards of coin hobbyists. Thirty-five years ago, any discussion about our coins in the halls of Congress was pigeon-holed and tabled.

Third, numismatics----*centuries old and traditional plus the trait and the pursuit of the educated and elite*--has now become two or three versions. There still remains 'organized numismatics', the segment that has been my commitment and devotion since August 7, 1972. Yet, there is now the 'commercial numismatics', the business and auction house segment that any reading of COIN WORLD or NUMISMATIC NEWS or THE NUMISMATIST confirms. Numismatics is now a business.

There still also remains the third segment, 'the coin community'----*to use the term promoted by Robert F. Fritsch of New Hampshire*----or as I address it 'fraternal numismatics', that segment that has always been----and hopefully shall always be----the fellowship, camaraderie, enjoyment, and quality times among those with a kindred avocation. For those, who think and believe globally----*which itself another major impact on 'our world of money'*--this 'fraternal numismatics' continues to enthrall and to excite.

Any coin hobbyist can conclude the ramifications from these musings plus changes and what the next thirty-five, or any measure of time, might witness.

Ending, the onslaught of 'commercial numismatics'----*with allies in the investment houses and halls of Congress*----shall be the greatest issue confronting our hobby, 'our hobby of kings and king of hobbies', in the next decades. My thoughts here offer little as to what might be or what should be, from this onslaught. My eyes have witness changes, and my mind reflects. Though, in closing, the common denominator shall remain, as I once wrote, before, 'people collect coins; coins do not collect people'. **Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope!**

Numismatically Yours,

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2008 Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show

Contrary to the error date reported in the September 2007 NCNA HEADS AND TALES and another date and venue reported in the Diablo Numismatic Society's DIABLO DIE BREAK, there has **not** been any date, site, or plan contracted for the Association's 2008 Nor-Cal Coin Show, as this issue is being prepared and printed. Potential bourse dealers and others are welcomed to contact President Harry W. Davis at 707-642-0216 for any updates

2008 Dues

Well, Folks, Your Annual Dues Notice Is Enclosed. If you have prepaid some years in-advance or our awarded Life Member, please ignore. Your membership label would show the 'Due Year'. If it is listed '07' or less, then you owe. **Individual Dues** remains \$5.00, and **Club Dues** continues at \$10.00. Mail remittance to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

No firm date or specific venue has been set and scheduled. Club Delegates may telephone President Harry W. Davis at 707-642-0216 for any specifics to a potential Board of Directors meeting early this 2008.

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The next issue is May 2008, and it may be delayed to late May, to include as much as possible for any potential Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show.

Miller Medal

First, Congratulations to Mark Wm. Clark, lately of San Francisco, California, who was selected as the 2006 Recipient for the 'Miller Medal', the 'Ron Miller Memorial Award'. Mark was recognized for his efforts with local coin clubs in San Francisco and San Mateo counties, serving as an officer and positions with the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, San Francisco Coin Club, and Liberty Numismatic Society. His most devoted diligence was saving and serving the San Francisco Coin Club during some recent difficult and demanding times. He was also known for his efforts in enhancing understanding about numismatics 'south of the Border' in Mexico, being fluent in Spanish. For personal and health factors, he has just recently relocated to The Sunshine State, Florida. The actual presentation is hoped for early 2008.

Second, written nominations are now formally called for the 2008 'Miller Medal', with the deadline of June 30, 2008. The eligibility and criteria remains "any active coin hobbyist residing within California at least five (5) full years prior with a verified record of service and support---significant and substantial involvement and interest---in numismatics." Further, "the criteria shall be: superior, sustained, and significant support and service to numismatics and its coin hobby and/or devotion and dedication, consistent and meritorious, to numismatic organizations." These are from Article III of the Charter governing the 'Miller Medal' adopted January 24, 1994. Sidebar: Copies of this Charter may be requested from Your Editor.

Based on past practice, the Board of Directors have concluded that multiple service in and with several organized numismatic groups has precedence over longevity or limited dedication to one organization. Equally, current NCNA Individual Members have preference also over non-members or former Individual Members. The 'Miller Medal' is also for individuals, not any organizations or identities

Mail written detailed nominations to '2900 Georgia Street, Vallejo, California, 94591-6602'. Must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2008.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

What's Up? In the September 2007 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, Your Editor identified the Editor and Name for each of the local northern California local club newsletters/bulletins or whatever is known or published in their respective periodical. To date, no errors or omissions were replied, which should imply the correctness of what was published or that so few, if any, ever read NCNA HEADS AND TALES, the latter possibly more true than thoughtless! Anyway, in future issues, Your Editor intends to identify some specific about each local coin club. This issue would list known email and/or telephone contacts for each denoted local coin club. As usual, contacts may be to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*' with email to EMPERORI@juno.com.

Alameda Coin Club Ended 2007 with its Annual Christmas Dinner last December 4, 2007 at Alameda, California's Acapulco Restaurant, with "members who worked the coin show getting a free meal with drinks." What was interesting was that the ACC has a "long standing policy of the Club that the Club does not pay for alcoholic beverages." But, at this same Dinner, **Donald R. Barsi**, the Club's Treasurer and Bourse Coordinator, for his Show 'n Tell had "drink tokens from Santa Clara County"! **Robert G. Sturn**, Editor the Club's monthly THICK AND THIN TIMES, reported that "it was a good time of fellowship and fun for all. We are looking forward to another great year." At this same gathering, **Cliff Sherman** "brought a Persian coin from about 450-300 BC made of 95.8 silver", what a fineness for an ancient coin!

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California Exonumist Society *Late Report:* The CES shall gather on Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2008, during the San Jose Coin Club's Show, inside the Pavilion Hall, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, in San Jose, California. The time traditionally has been 2:00 PM, and the meeting location would be a separate partition area on the Show's main bourse floor. The speaker assigned is **Michael S. Turrini**, with a displayed generated presentation on '*Collecting GGIE: What's Hot From Golden Gate International Exposition*'. Show 'n Tells from the famous 1939 and 1940 Treasure Island exposition would be welcomed. The next issue of the CES' quarterly MEDALLION is being mailed just as this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES hits the letter carrier's bag.

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Cupertino Coin Club **Lyle Okamoto**, one of the fast rising personalities in northern California organized numismatics, has created an exemplary electronic mail monthly COIN PRESS. In the December issue, he reported that at the recent December 8, 2007 Joint Christmas Party by the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society that "a wonderful time was had by all!" He added that "at this Party, special presentations were made to our own Cupertino Coin Club Life Member **Gordon R. Donnell**, for his decades' long service to numismatics. The Cupertino Coin Club contingent at this Party intended to present to **Gordon** with a special plaque, but due to an oversight, the plaque was left behind in San Jose! Some quick thinking by CCC President **Alvin H.W. Lo**, however, saved the day. Al presented Gordon with a hastily made, but official IOU, for one plaque! Congratulations, **Gordon!**" Appreciation should be noted to **Fred G. van den Haak** who taxied the entire van load of the aforementioned Cupertino Coin Club contingent: **Alvin H.W. Lo**, **Gary Acquistapace**, **Lyle Okamoto**, along with **Gordon R. Donnell**, driving through some terrible Saturday traffic! Thanks, **Fred!** The CCC ended its 2007 year with its December 14, 2007 Christmas Party, famous for the Togo Sandwiches. Going back a few months, **John Jencek** spoke on, from a PowerPoint presentation, '*Introduction To Ancient Coin Collecting*' at the CCC's November 9, 2007. Note: Your Editor highly recommends this program, having heard it. It is geared for the novice into ancient numismatics.

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Delta Coin Club As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the DCC shall have held its well-known Annual Dinner, on Friday, January 4, 2008 at Stockton, California's Old Spaghetti Factory. As has been traditional for the past few years, **Michael S. Turrini** would again serve as the Dinner's Master of Ceremonies, as well as design the Dinner's famous tablemats. In addition, he also was thanked for "handling the 'Youth Table' during the Saturday, October 20, 2007 of our Show", and doing the 'SQS', 'State Quarter Search'. The Club's 2008 Officers were elected, and they are: **Tom Jackson, President, Ted Garber, Vice-President, Loris Enzminger, Treasurer, Luella Griep, Recording Secretary, and Syd Kass, Corresponding Secretary.** The highlight of the Annual Dinner is the presentation of the Club's coveted '*Elden Enzminger Memorial Award*'. Although the Dinner is after NCNA HEADS AND TALES has been prepared and printed, Your Editor was allowed to report the 2007 honorees: **Donald Kendrick and Ruben Smith, III.** In addition, special '*Citations*', an annual recognition, were bestowed onto, in random order, **Norman F. Pruitt, Theodore Garber, Thomas W. Jackson, Luella Griep, Syd Kass, Loris Enzminger, Bee Grimm, Ruben Smith, III, Donald Kendrick, Debbie-Sue Enzminger, Anthony Rantz, Alan Gilbeau, Harry W. Davis, Irene Carrillo, Gordon R. Donnell, and William A. Bright.** The DCC September 21, 2007 Benefit Auction earned the Club \$515.00, with Auctioneers **William E. Horning and Anthony Rantz** along with Runners, **Marvin Griep and Debbie-Sue Enzminger.**

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Diablo Numismatic Society *Wow! What An Evening!* Over one hundred members and guests crowded Lafayette, California's Hungry Hunter last Sunday, December 16, 2007, filling three separate, but adjacent rooms! The Drawing took-in \$905.00, with a top prize of a Liberty Half Eagle \$5.00! There was so much food that the appetizers were boxed and given to anyone! Members attending received a Silver Eagle or equal. The DNS's 2008 Officers and Directors were installed, in a solemn ceremony performed American Numismatic Association (ANA) Representative Program National Coordinator **Michael S. Turrini**, and they were: **James H. Laird, President, John P. Russell, Jr., Vice-President, William J. Green, Treasurer, and Michael M. Stanley, Secretary,** with Directors **Steven McClure, Mark Clarkson, and Bradford Lee.** Attending were all the DNS' '*Fellow of the Society*', save one: **Michael S. Turrini, Michael M. Stanley, Mark Clarkson, John P. Russell, Jr., and James H. Laird.**

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Fairfield Coin Club *Had A Real Party!* The Club changed its November 28, 2007 to be a '*Burrito Night*'. Now That Is A Change From The Often Heard 'Pizza Night' and 'Hot-Dog Night'! Working the range and doing the cooking were **Paul Romesburg and Jon-Maria Marish**, with attending members bringing side-dishes. Earlier at the Club's September 26, 2007, a former President, who served at the young age of 18, back in the mid-1970s, **Michael Johnson**, visiting the area, stopped and shared memories and updates as this life and career. Also at this meeting, the 2007 Coin Show's top Show Drawing sellers were honored: **Michael S. Turrini, Irene Carrillo, and William F. Bartz.** *Special Note:* The Club's Nineteenth (19th) Annual Coin Show is set for *Sunday, September 7, 2007 again inside the Willow Hall at downtown Fairfield, California's Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky, off Pennsylvania.* This will again be a full-day one-day Show with Youth Table and youngster activities, collector meetings, and Drawings. *Note:* The Club is happy to report that its misplaced perpetual plaque for its esteemed '*Rich Neily Memorial Award*' has been both located and returned, from of all places: above a television in an family room of a home in southern Washington! Well, At Least It Is Home! For the record, prior honorees have been **Jan D. Henke, George J. Flannagn, Michael S. Turrini, Joseph R. Sirois, Ronald W. Kelichner, Sr., Craig F. Blackwood, Ernest E. Drake, William F. Bartz, Sandra L. Bearden, Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr., and Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**

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Fresno Numismatic Society

Retiring FNS President **James Obler** ended this four years as the helm of the FNS with these nice, and quite provocative, comments, pertinent to any local coin club: "we should bring guests and family members to meeting and try to interest our friends in numismatics. When you attend the meetings, do not be shy about showing your enthusiasm. Participate in the discussions! Share your ideas and suggestions about ways to improve our organization! If anyone feels inspired to join the Board of Directors or to run for office, remember that those opportunities are available. Please keep in mind that the success of the Fresno Numismatic Society [or any local coin club----*Your Editor's addition*] depends on the combined efforts of all our members. If our collective efforts are strong, our club will be strong. Let's work together to help make that happen." *Great Words and Excellent Lessons.* On other news from FNS, at the October 9, 2007 meeting, **Ruth M. Phillips**, among the most well-known and important coin hobbyists in our State, "told of her acquisition of the 1937 Antietam Commemorative Half Dollars. With the addition of this commemorative coin, it brings her to within two of completing her set." At this same meeting, **Steven Foster, Jr.** "donated two binders full of first issue stamps to be auctioned-off with the proceeds going to the Society. These raised \$41.00. Thanks, **Steven.**" **Randy Clifton**, FNS's longtime **FRESNO NUMISMATIST**, in its masthead, identifies the FNS as '*Fresno's Club of Coin Collectors, for Coin Collectors*'. Nice Catching Saying.

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Fremont Coin Club

When this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES has been mailed, this Club shall have concluded its Sunday, January 13, 2008 Installation Dinner at Fremont, California's Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant. The Club's 2008 Officers would have been installed at this Dinner, and they are: **Alistair Skinner, President, Jeff Colburn, First Vice-President, Kris Martin, Second Vice-President, Briita Ehlers, Treasurer, Dorothy Galovich-Call, Recording Secretary, and Matthew Hutchison, Corresponding Secretary**, with *Directors, Bruce Caires, Chuck Call, Don Ehlers, Wanda Johnson, Dennis Pagano, and Bob Whitaker*. At the FCC's earlier November 13, 2007 meeting, longtime FCC member **Carl Snyder**, as his Show 'n Tell, showed a "dockside photo his younger self while in the service" during the Second World War with "his Good Conduct Medal and certificate." At this same Show 'n Tell, **Chuck Call** shared a 1900-dated \$10,000 note, cancelled sadly!

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Liberty Numismatic Society

Reports that its outgoing President **Mark Wm. Clark** has relocated to the Sunshine State, Florida. The 2008 LNS Officers are: **Gene C. Hoy, President, Vice-President, sede vacante, Ken Fowler, Treasurer, and Dr. Regan Shea, Secretary**, with *Directors, Allan Edmonson, Jim Rosen, and Chris Thompson*. Going back to October 17, 2007, the LNS' famous Book Auction was held: "doing a superb job of standing-in for the injured **Stephen M. Huston**, Auctioneer **Mark Wm. Clark** hammered-down lot after lot of numismatic reading material. There was a nice selection of material available due to the generosity of book and catalog donors: **Kenneth J. Barr, Mark Wm. Clark, Peter Hamilton, Gene C. Hoy, David W. Lange, Jim Rosen, Chris Thompson, and Joe Wargo**, with a cash donation made by **Donald R. Barsi**. Illness and other factors took a toll on the attendance, keeping several perennial bidders from participating in the Sale. As a result, the final tally of all bids was \$348.25, a figure well-off last year's total." The LNS ended 2007 with its 'Save Room For Dessert' December 19, 2007 Party, which included the Annual Gold Attendance Drawing. *Additional Note:* The LNS was represented at the previously reported December 8, 2007 Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society by **Gene C. Hoy**, who joined the honors bestowed upon **Gordon R. Donnell**, with an engraved uniface silver medal. Gene's comments were of both seriousness and laughter, noting that his first remembrances of **Gordon** were **Gordon's** constant complaining about 'I Never Win'.

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Livermore Valley Coin Club

As compared to other local coin clubs, regrettfully not much has been informed to report or to announce for the LVCC, save this rambling, from the Club's November newsletter: 'This Month's Program(s)—This month [November 2007] the program is, well, as is getting to be the case, loosely defined, although last month was the same and the time went by quickly. Since this is the Thanks Giving Month...ahh...I have nowhere to go with this. See You There!' Well, Folks?

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Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

Stephen M. Huston presented a most insightful program at the PCNS' October 24, 2007 meeting, '*Numismatic Sizzle*'. *Here Are Some Insights*: "For instance, an 1804 United States Silver Dollar, which is a fantasy made sometime after 1804 for presentation to several dignitaries, nevertheless will sell immediately when it comes on the market even though there may be several dozen pieces known. In contrast, one can purchase an 1804 George III English Bank Dollar for many thousands less, although it too is popular because of its 1804 date." *Another*: "Coins that have 'sizzle' include the shekel of Tyre, attributed to be one of the 'thirty pieces of silver' supposedly given to Judas for betraying Jesus. Reality is that is not really the coin that would have been circulating in that area of the world at that time. Also, the bronze Tiberius 'Tribute Penny' is a coin that portrays a later Caesar, not the one that should have been pictured. However, mentioning the 'thirty pieces of silver' or the 'tribute penny' means that these coins will readily sell for more money than if none of the 'sizzle' attributes had never been mentioned." *Additional*: "Steve ended his well photographed presentation with two local San Francisco pieces, one of Maggie Kelly, a notorious lady in San Francisco's Barbary Coast, and the equally notorious 1000th Meeting Commemorative PCNS Medal, which has a 'sizzle' all its own, or not! [PCNS] Editor's Note: These PCNS medals are still available at \$30.00 per set. Get Them While They Are Hot!!" As Stephen M. Huston noted, "do not buy the sizzle, buy the steak."

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Peninsula Coin Club

Reported a nice coin show last November 11, 2007, and expressed gratitude to Jim Southward, Joe Jurado, Howard Wheeler, Rich Douglas, and Fred G. van den Haak, "our Show could not happen without the support of all dedicated members!" Appreciation was also acknowledged to Michael S. Turrini, and assistance with and from Gordon R. Donnell, for staffing a 'combination youth and information table', and doing the 'SQS', 'State Quarter Search'. The PCC ended 2007 with its December 10, 2007 meeting and its 'Special December Holiday Drawing', "which has \$400.00 in choice coins as prizes for Xan Chamberlain to win!"

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Redwood Empire Coin Club

The November 2007 issue edited by Dr. Charles Catlett 'caught my eye', for Dr. Catlett paused and wrote about 'gratitude' in light of the annual Thanksgiving Holiday, and his words are well-worth reiterating here: "It is a good tie to reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where we are going, and to be thankful for all the above." He expanded his theme to include the RECC: "We should be thankful to Henry Wrede [deceased] for the idea of forming this Club in 1949, and for all the members who have kept it going since. Special thanks go to the two people who spend the most time for this Club: Lee H. Gong and Merle Avila. Their selfless efforts are what keeps the Junior Program so strong, our Coin Show so big and successful, and our meetings running well, with obtaining drawing [raffle] prizes and specialty meal preparation just two parts of their work. If you get a chance, let them know how they are appreciated. Thanks to all the other who contribute: Willie Quarante for setting up coffee and running the drawing sales; Kurt Ginter for keeping tabs of our finances; Ed Reinfeld for keeping track of the Auction; Gabe Lopez for getting the beverages...Thanks to the members who also bring in coins for sale before and during the meeting, because it is nice to be able to go shopping at each monthly meeting. And, thanks to all the members for participating in meetings, bringing Show 'n Tell items, working at the Coin Show, and bringing Goodies to snack on."

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Reno Coin Club

Our friends in The Silver State have been busy, with **Steve Graham** speaking on '*Tone Coins*' at the RCC's November 6, 2007 meeting: he "made an excellent presentation on toned coins and how these add value to your collection. Several members brought their toned silver coins and wondered: 'How did this happen?'" In the December 2007 RENO CARTWHEEL, the appeal for the Club's annual dues had a nice spin-off: 'the biggest little coin club in America', and as a bargain! **Telephone:** 775-348-6423

Sacramento Valley Coin Club

Major News: Effective January 2008, the SVCC has regained its traditional Second and Fourth Wednesday evening meeting dates, and still gathering at the North County Corporate Yard (Old SMUD Building) 5026 Don Julio Blvd., at corner of Elkhorn Blvd., in North Highlands, California. The SVCC's 2008 Executive Officers are: **John Bither, President, Steve Bowers, Vice-President, Stan Klagneberg, Recording Secretary, Penny Klagenberg, Corresponding Secretary, Bob Shanks, Treasurer, and Phil Asher, Assistant Treasurer.** Wow! **Phil Asher** was honored this past November 2007 with the International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC) coveted '*Duane Spellman Award*' "for your dedication to the Association and for the tremendous amount of outreach you both extended so that our Association has become truly international. All of our current foreign members are on the roster because of you!" **Phil's Award** also noted his late wife, **Vi. Congratulations!**
Website: www.sacvalcc.org

San Francisco Coin Club

Along with the Liberty Numismatic Society, SFCC is losing **Mark Wm. Clark**, as its double Secretary and Editor for its monthly TWO CENTS WORTH. **Lyle Okamoto** has agreed to replace **Mark** effective with the January 2008 TWO CENTS WORTH. The SFCC's October 26, 2007 had several special guests and visitors present: **James W. Hunt**, from San Diego, California, **Robert R. van Ryzin**, from Iola, Wisconsin, and **David W. Lange**, from Bradenton, Florida, the latter presenting an impromptu program about coin collecting boards, the precursor of modern coin folders and albums. The SFCC ended 2007 with a small gathering among its faithful members and guests on December 28, 2007 at San Francisco, California's fashionable and famous 'Tennessee Grill', a well-known eatery of fine food and atmosphere in the Sunset District. At this festive event, Treasurer **Michael S. Turrini** did a 'stamp thing' for his Show 'n Tell: displaying United States Scott #2, the 1847 Ten Cent Postage Stamp, and the 1893 \$5.00 Columbian Commemorative issues, the latter having the same Christopher Columbus portrait as the famous Columbian Commemorative Half Dollars.

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San Jose Coin Club

The SJCC October 10, 2007 meeting was described as 'Giant Auction and Lasagna Make A Fine Combination': "October's General Meeting saw fifty-two members and guests sit down to a delicious, home-made lasagna dinner, with salad and garlic bread. Life Member, Past President, and Hall of Famer, **Sally Johnson** provided the dinner, and other Club Members brought the desserts. Thanks to Sally, and her helpers: **Briita Ehlers, Dorothy Call, and Ryan Johnson**. And, thanks to all who brought desserts to top off a fantastic meal. Following the dinner was one of the Club's best auctions ever...it was active, with most of the items being sold, including some of the more costly lots." The Auction Team included **Kenneth J. Barr**, Auctioneer, **Ryan Johnson**, Runner, with **Ronald Ishizaki** and **Richard Boston**, at the Auction Table. At the following November 14, 2007 meeting, **Larry Benson**, also a SJCC Life Member, Past President, and Hall of Famer, delivered "an excellent talk on two commemorative half dollars that he has collected and studied for many years. His topic was the Booker T. Washington Memorial Commemorative (1946-1951) and the Carver-Washington Commemorative (1951-1954). Larry discussed the large melting of both issues and the uncertainty of the quantity of these remaining silver half dollars, which were minted at all [then] three mints." Going back some months, the SJCC lost **Al Mandell**, last June 30, 2007, to a long-term illness. He held Membership #83, having joined in January 1959. He, also, was the second inductee elected to the SJCC's Hall of Fame back in 1983.

Website: sanjosecoinclub.org

Stanislaus County Coin Club Heard **Frank Ramczyk** speak on the Mint Acts of 1792 and 1965 at its December 12, 2007 meeting, "the two of the most important pieces of coin legislation in United States history." The SCCC elected its 2007-2008 Officers and Directors recently, and they are: **Aaron Brown, President, Randy McCoy, Vice-President, Barbara Tandy and Carol Kailes, Recording Secretary, Ginny Ramczyk, Corresponding Secretary, and Lloyd Solomon, Treasurer**, with Directors, **Hall DeBoard, Mark Garcia, David Ramczyk, III, Sandy Woodward, Terry Woodward, and Mike Tandy**. Les Schoolcraft ended over twenty years as the Drawing Ticket Master for the SCCC' monthly meetings recently, wanting now "to sit out in the audience and enjoy being with the rest of the members." *Website: stancocoinklub.org*

Solano Silver Round Club Checking my records, the last dated SILVER NOTES from the SSRC is June 2007. So, Nothing To Report. Sorry.
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Vallejo Numismatic Society Voted to raise its dues, the first increase in twenty-nine years, this past December 2007. At the December 5, 2007, gathered at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, the VNS held its Hopperstad Auction, with a record two hundred three (203+) plus lots! Auctioneers were **Michael M. Stanley and Michael S. Turrini**, who called the huge white elephant auction just under two hours! **Paul Romesburg and Michael Butler** served as the Runners, and **Dr. Rodney W. Baker, John P. Russell, Jr., and Irene Carrillo** did the Recording and Cashier duties. With additional adjustments to be remitted, the VNS claimed \$724.00. The VNS also honored long-time member **Josef Klaus** with its esteemed 'Silver Medal', Award #16, last December 8, 2007 during its Joint Christmas Party with its neighbor, the Fairfield Coin Club. At this Party, **Gordon R. Donnell** was honored with an American Numismatic Association (ANA) 'President's Citation' from ANA President **Barry S. Stuppler**, represented by **Michael S. Turrini**. Speaking the Joint Christmas Party, a nice attendance of seventy-five members and guests filled the Budweiser Room at Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Fairfield, California. The 50/50 of \$105.00 went to **Michelle Martin**, and the Mega-Drawing (raffle) claimed a record \$1660.00! There were so many Door Prizes that everyone won something, and then there was a second drawing! The Annual Roast and Laugh credited **William F. Bartz** and **Josef Klaus**. Earlier at the Society's November 7, 2007 meeting, **Robert E. Luna** did a fine presentation about World War II numismatic collectibles, to which **Michael S. Turrini** contributed about Rationing and Ration Books. Among the Show 'n Tells was **EP Wallaker** with his Air Force 'Dog Tag' and **Robert E. Sather** with his Army 'Good Conduct Medal', presented in a box dated 1944. In recollections, every veteran present replied verbatim his service Serial Number!
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Visalia Coin Club Well, Like The SSRC: the last received newsletter is dated July 2007. So, Nothing To Report. Sorry.
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COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

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- Jan. 10-13, 2008 ORLANDO, FL. 54th Annual Florida United Numismatists Convention and Show. Orange County Convention Center Hall NB North Concourse, 9400 Universal Blvd. Additional Information: Phone Cindy Wibker (407) 321-8747.
- Feb. 1-3, 2008 SAN JOSE. San Jose 40th Coin, Stamp and Collectors Show, The Pavilion, Santa Clara County Fair Grounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416 Also: See web page at www.sanjosecoinclub.org. Admission \$3.
- Feb. 24, 2008 SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club 36th Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga, Phone (408) 839-1883 or E Mail: BruceBraga1@AIM.com Cupertino Coin Club, P. O. Box 448, Cupertino, Ca. 95015. Admission: \$2, Youth 17 and under free.
- Mar. 7-9, 2008 PHOENIX, Az. American Numismatic Association National Money Show, Phoenix Convention Center, Charlotte Convention Center. Additional Information: Phone (719) 632-2646
- Mar. 14-6, 2008 SACRAMENTO. "2008" Wests Token Jamboree, Western Token Society, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento. Bourse/Information: Michael Wehner, P.O. Box 194271, San Francisco, Ca., 94119-4271 Phone: (415) 928-4469; e mail: mf_wehner@yahoo.com website: <http://www.exonumia.homestead.com>
- March, 29-30, 2008 SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club 40th Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. Admission \$1, under 12 free.
- May 4, 2008 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 36th Annual Show, Vallejo Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, Vallejo. Bourse: Harry W. Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602. Information Phone numbers: (707) 642-0216, (707) 246-6327 or (510) 547-0518 or E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com

- June 22, 2008 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Show, Alameda High School Gym, on Oak Street at Central, Alameda. Bourse and Info: Tom Gesner, P.O. Box 1230, El Cerrito, Ca. 94530. Phone: (510) 923-4216 (days).
- July 12-3, 2008 MODESTO. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K Streets, Modesto. Bourse: Sandy Woodward, P.O. Box 355, Turlock, Ca. 95381. Phone: (209) 668-3682
- Jul. 30-Aug.3,
2008 BALTIMORE, Md. American Numismatic Association
117th Anniversary Convention. Information:
www.money.org or phone (719) 632-2646.
- Nov. 9, 2008 SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 29th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.: (650) 498-4158
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